

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Brian Knipstein, Jed Rumford, Reuben Hull and Wendy Chase.

Two letters were read from Town residents expressing their appreciation to the Chief and the Police Department for becoming accredited.

A letter from Jim Phelan of McIntosh College thanking Chief Reed for being a guest speaker on several occasions over the past two years involving Criminal Justice issues was read.

Chief Reed will put together a list of topics for the Selectmen to review at next week's meeting and discuss in further detail August 9, 2005.

James presented a copy of the proposed salt shed easement to Brian for review. Brian agreed with the language.

Brian informed the Selectmen that two boulders are currently being engraved for the Hilton sites. The third will be done soon after and placed on the lot where the old carriage house once stood at the intersection of Main St. and Summer St.

Brian informed the Selectmen that the quotes for salt has increased by \$4.00 per ton. He estimated that we used 400 tons last year.

Brian will get quotes on the Bell cover at Badger Park. The roof is in dire need of repair.

The confirmation from FEMA on the snow emergency grant was reviewed. The Town of Newfields will receive \$7,754.70.

Sue McKinnon returned the check Mr. Case dropped off to put towards taxes on the Grist Mill site. The Selectmen will wait for the Superior Court decision on the property before proceeding further.

Jed Rumford came in and had the Selectmen sign a Cemetery Deed. He also presented an updated financial report from the Cemetery Trustees.

Reuben Hull was in to discuss ADA compliancy. The vendor Reuben had in mind for the front walkway is no longer in business. He suggested that the project go out to bid. Reuben will write out the bid and have it ready to advertise in a couple of weeks. The bids will go out to installers not vendors.

Reuben informed the Selectmen that the application for the sidewalks is due July 31, 2005. Reuben will work off the first application we did two years ago. A letter from the Selectmen needs to be drafted and sent with the application. Reuben will have the application done by next Tuesday and bring it to the Selectmen's meeting.

Reuben informed the Selectmen that he sent a letter to ATRIO Properties in regards to the "construction trailer" at the Evergreen Estates building site. Aaron Brown will be present at next week's Planning Board meeting to discuss the trailer.

Reuben is working on the Bassett and Blake lots to make sure they are compliant with DES and the Town concerning past wetlands violations.

Reuben informed the Board that the Building Facilities Advisory Committee (BFAC) has had four meetings. Maureen Smith will be contacting Departments to set up the remaining meetings.

Reuben asked for the Boards opinion on noticing the Case subdivision application. The subject gets continued at each Planning Board meeting. The Board suggested the Planning Board not accept the application as it stands. They should wait for the Superior Court decision and re-notice the application in the paper and re-notice the abutters.

A letter from a resident reporting mailbox damage by the plow was read. Wendy was directed to send a letter to the resident.

Michael Sununu was in to discuss the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Three members attended. They assigned Committee members to Departments. Michael will email Wendy with the Department liaisons and dates of meetings.

Payroll and accounts payable checks were reviewed and signed.

James made a motion to approve the July 12, 2005 minutes as amended, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

The Board reviewed the proposed Sewer easement language; the roads the town plows for the Water & Sewer Village District will be added.

The Board will review the personnel policy amongst themselves and go through it in more detail at a later date.

The Piscassic Greenway proposed Easement was discussed. Wolfe Tone and Brian Hart will be attending next week's Selectmen's meeting. The Selectmen will email questions to Wolfe so that he will be prepared to answer them next week.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn at 9:50pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase